

U.S. PTO Customer No. 25280

Case# 5374

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A synthetic hydrophobic sand formulation exhibiting a penetration period of at least 9 seconds for a drop of 2 molar ethanol under a minimal ethanol drop test, wherein said sand formulation comprises sand and at least one humic acid removal redistribution compound, and wherein at least a portion of said sand formulation is treated with humic acid.